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GOL FOREIGN MIN THORN'S CONCLUSION THAT MACOVESCU
WAS ACTING AS STALKING HORSE FOR SOVIETS IN HIS COM-
MENTS ON CSCE SEEMS DUBIOUS TO US. WHILE THERE ARE AREAS
OF COINCIDENCE BETWEEN ROMANIAN AND SOVIET POSITIONS
AS WELL AS MAJOR POINTS OF DIFFERENCE, ROMANIAN
STRATEGY IN CSCE AS ELSEWHERE SEEMS CLEARLY DIRECTED
AT STRENGTHENING ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM USSR. WHILE
MACOVESCU MAY TALK TO SOVIETS AFTER TRIP, IT WOULD
BE PRIMARILY FOR ROMANIAN PURPOSES RATHER THAN AS AGENT
FOR SOVIETS WITH VIEW TOWARD PUSHING CSCE TO SUCCESSFUL
CONCLUSION ALONG LINES AS FAVORABLE TO GOR AS POSSIBLE.
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